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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: DATES FOR SUMMER RECESS

1. THE DELEGATION HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT THE SUMMER RECESS OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN OFFICIALLY JULY 21 AND END OFFICIALLY SEPTEMBER 22. THESE DATES ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF THE 1974 SUMMER RECESS.

2. FROM THE END OF THE LAST ROUND AND SINCE THE OUTSET OF THE CURRENT ROUND OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THE SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY PRESSING FOR WESTERN AGREEMENT TO A SUMMER 1975 RECESS

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COVERING THE SAME TIME PERIOD AS THE SUMMER 1974 RECESS.

SOVIET REP KHLESTOV HAS EMPHASIZED TO US BILATERALLY THAT SOVIET LEADERS ARE UNAVAILABLE IN AUGUST AND THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE TIMES AVAILABLE TO HIM FOR SERIOUS CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW WOULD BE IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY AND DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER. AD HOC GROUP MEMBERS HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS EASTERN PROPOSAL TO BREAK IN MID-JULY AND TO RETURN TO VIENNA IN THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

3. WE HAVE KEPT OPEN THE SUMMER RECESS ISSUE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. THIS WEEK, HOWEVER, WE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO JOIN THE AD HOC GROUP CONSENSUS TO END THE CURRENT SIXTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JULY 17 PLENARY SESSION AND TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22. THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTH ROUND PROBABLY WOULD BE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 22.

4. THE PRESS WILL BE INFORMED IN DUE COURSE OF THE OFFICIAL DATES FOR THE SUMMER RECESS. RESOR

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